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SUBJECT: ROK STUDENTS IN U.S.

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1. IT IS THE EMBASSY'S EXPERIENCE THAT THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT IS RELUCTANT TO ISSUE PASSPORTS TO SECONDARY OR UNDER-GRADUATE LEVEL STUDENTS. THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF KOREAN STUDENTS IN THE U.S. ARE AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL.

2. FURTHERMORE, FAMILY OR FRIENDS OF KOREAN STUDENT STUDYING ABROAD ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SEND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO STUDENT UNLESS HE HAS FIRST PASSED AN EXAM GIVEN BY MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. THIS EXAM EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE AND ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE PASS EACH YEAR. THIS RESTRICTION WOULD NOT BE OPERATIVE IF MCDUFFY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP COVERED ALL EXPENSES OF DR. MUN'S CHILDREN.

3. ON SURFACE, CASE DESCRIBED REFTEL APPEARS TO FIT WITH NORMAL ROK PRACTICES.

4. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO PURSUE THIS MATTER, EMBASSY CAN CONTACT DR. MUN.
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